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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Lloyd G. RATCHFORD

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FOR: SLOTTED CONTACT RETENTION AND ALIGNMENT DEVICE FOR CONTACT ASSEMBLIES

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97

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Sir:

Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

REFERENCES

- ☒ The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- ☐ A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

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- ☐ Attached is a copy of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. These documents are listed on form PTO-1449, also attached.
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